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Stoner, Brian R. et. al.	)	Group Art Unit: 2879
Application No.: 09/817,164	)	Examiner: Karabi Guharay
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For: Coated Electrode With Enhanced Electron	)	
Emission And Ignition Characteristics	)	
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## AMENDMENT/REPLY TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Sir:

Enclosed is a reply for the above-identified patent application.

- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer(s) and the ☐ fee per Disclaimer due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(d) are also enclosed.
- ☒ enclosed is/are an executed Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 and a Request for Termination of Suspension of Action.
- ☐ Small entity status is hereby claimed.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests continued examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and enclose the ☐ fee due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e).
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests that any previously unentered after final amendments not be entered. Continued examination is requested based on the enclosed documents identified above.
- ☐ Applicant(s) previously submitted \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ for which continued examination is requested.
- ☐ Applicant(s) requests suspension of action by the Office until at least \_\_\_\_\_ which does not exceed three months from the filing of this RCE, in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c). The required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i) is enclosed.
- ☐ A Request for Entry and Consideration of Submission under 37 C.F.R. § 1.129(a) (1809/2809) is also enclosed.

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- ☐ No additional claim fee is required.
- ☐ An additional claim fee is required, and is calculated as shown below.

AMENDED CLAIMS					
	No. of Claims	Highest No. of Claims Previously Paid For	Extra Claims	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims		MINUS =	0	x =	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims		MINUS =	0	x =	\$ 0.00
If Amendment adds multiple dependent claims, add					
Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Small Entity Status claimed - subtract 50% of Total Claim Amendment Fee					\$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE DUE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$ 0.00

- ☐ A check in the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for the fee due.
- ☐ Charge \_\_\_\_\_ to Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16, 1.17, 1.20(d) and 1.21 that may be required by this paper, and to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 02-4800. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

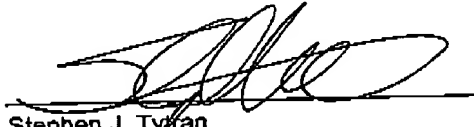
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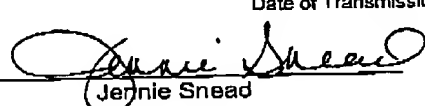
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**REQUEST FOR TERMINATION OF SUSPENSION OF ACTION**

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Sir:

Enclosed is an executed Declaration under 37 C.F.R. § 1.131 for consideration in the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filed on March 5, 2004. A one-month Suspension of Action was granted on March 17, 2004, to gather the required signature.

Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the Suspension of Action be terminated and that the case be taken up for examination at an early date.

Respectfully submitted,

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